

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 AMEND claims 2, 7, and 9 in accordance with the following:

Claim 1 (cancelled).

Claim 2 (currently amended): A liquid crystal display comprising:

a liquid crystal display panel disposed apart from a surface light source device provided with a guide plate having an incidence end face, an emission face and a primary light source supplying primary light which enters into the guide plate through the incidence end face and is emitted from the guide plate through the emission face to provide illumination output light for backlighting of the liquid crystal display panel,

wherein said liquid crystal display panel is provided with a liquid crystal layer, a polarization film and a prismatic light control element having a prismatic light control face for modifying directivity of the illumination output light,

said prismatic light control face being directed to the surface light source device, and the prismatic light control element being formed directly on the polarization film, and further said emission face of said guide plate being provided with light scattering pattern for promoting emission.

Claims 3-6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (currently amended): A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a surface light source device;

a unified composite optical element comprising:

a polarization film; and

a prismatic light control element having projection rows facing the surface light source device, the prismatic light control element being formed directly on one face of the

polarization film such that together, the polarization film and the prismatic light control element form the unified composite optical element ; and

a liquid crystal display panel formed adjacent to the unified composite optical element with the polarization film facing the liquid crystal display panel,

wherein the surface light source device and the projection rows of the prismatic light control element are separated by a distance of 0.5 to 1 mm.

Claim 8 (cancelled).

Claim 9 (currently amended): A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a surface light source device;

a unified composite optical element comprising:

a polarization film;

a polarization separating sheet which transmits light components having a first polarization plane and reflects light components having a second polarization plane perpendicular to the first polarization plane; and

a prismatic light control element having projection rows facing the surface light source device, the polarization separating sheet being interposed between the polarization film and the prismatic light control element,

such that together, the polarization film, the polarization separating sheet and the prismatic light control element form the unified composite optical element with the prismatic light control element serving as one face of the composite optical element, and

a liquid crystal display panel formed adjacent to the unified composite optical element with the polarization film of the unified composite optical element facing the liquid crystal display panel

wherein the surface light source device and the projection rows of the prismatic element are separated by a distance of 0.5 to 1 mm.

Claim 10 (cancelled).